

## CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

- 1 1. A method for managing an electronics and appliances supply chain utilizing a  
 2 network, comprising:
  - 3 a) receiving data from a plurality of electronics and appliances outlets of an  
 4 electronics and appliances supply chain utilizing a network, the data relating to  
 5 the sale of electronics and appliances by the electronics and appliances outlets;
  - 6 b) generating an electronic order form based on the data for ordering electronics and  
 7 appliances from an electronics and appliances distributor of the electronics and  
 8 appliances supply chain;
  - 9 c) transmitting the data to the electronics and appliances distributor of the  
 10 electronics and appliances supply chain utilizing the network;
  - 11 d) transmitting the data to an electronics and appliances supplier of the electronics  
 12 and appliances supply chain utilizing the network; and
  - 13 e) forecasting activity in the electronics and appliances supply chain utilizing the  
 14 data.
- 1 2. The method of claim 1, wherein the data is parsed to match each of a plurality of  
 2 electronics and appliances distributors and electronics and appliances suppliers.
- 1 3. The method of claim 2, wherein the data is made accessible to the electronics and  
 2 appliances outlets, the electronics and appliances distributor, the electronics and  
 3 appliances supplier via a network-based interface.
- 1 4. The method of claim 3, wherein the data is accessible to the electronics and  
 2 appliances distributor and the electronics and appliances supplier only after  
 3 verification of an identity thereof.

- 1     5.     The method of claim 1, wherein the network includes the Internet.
  
- 1     6.     The method of claim 1, wherein the electronics and appliances outlets, the  
2     electronics and appliances distributor, and the electronics and appliances supplier  
3     each forecast utilizing the data.
  
- 1     7.     A system for managing an electronics and appliances supply chain utilizing a  
2     network, comprising:
  - 3     a)     logic for receiving data from a plurality of electronics and appliances outlets of an  
4     electronics and appliances supply chain utilizing a network, the data relating to  
5     the sale of electronics and appliances by the electronics and appliances outlets;
  - 6     b)     logic for generating an electronic order form based on the data for ordering  
7     electronics and appliances from an electronics and appliances distributor of the  
8     electronics and appliances supply chain;
  - 9     c)     logic for transmitting the data to the electronics and appliances distributor of the  
10    electronics and appliances supply chain utilizing the network;
  - 11    d)     logic for transmitting the data to an electronics and appliances supplier of the  
12    electronics and appliances supply chain utilizing the network; and
  - 13    e)     logic for forecasting activity in the electronics and appliances supply chain  
14    utilizing the data.
  
- 1     8.     The system of claim 7, wherein the data is parsed to match each of a plurality of  
2     electronics and appliances distributors and electronics and appliances suppliers.
  
- 1     9.     The system of claim 8, wherein the data is made accessible to the electronics and  
2     appliances outlets, the electronics and appliances distributor, the electronics and  
3     appliances supplier via a network-based interface.
  
- 1     10.    The system of claim 9, wherein the data is accessible to the electronics and  
2     appliances distributor and the electronics and appliances supplier only after  
3     verification of an identity thereof.

1 11. The system of claim 7, wherein the network includes the Internet.

1 12. The system of claim 7, wherein the electronics and appliances outlets, the  
2 electronics and appliances distributor, and the electronics and appliances supplier  
3 each forecast utilizing the data.

1 13. A computer program product for managing an electronics and appliances supply  
2 chain utilizing a network, comprising:

3 a) computer code for receiving data from a plurality of electronics and appliances  
4 outlets of an electronics and appliances supply chain utilizing a network, the data  
5 relating to the sale of electronics and appliances by the electronics and appliances  
6 outlets;

7 b) computer code for generating an electronic order form based on the data for  
8 ordering electronics and appliances from an electronics and appliances distributor  
9 of the electronics and appliances supply chain;

10 c) computer code for transmitting the data to the electronics and appliances  
11 distributor of the electronics and appliances supply chain utilizing the network;

12 d) computer code for transmitting the data to an electronics and appliances supplier  
13 of the electronics and appliances supply chain utilizing the network; and

14 e) computer code for forecasting activity in the electronics and appliances supply  
15 chain utilizing the data.

1 14. The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the data is parsed to match  
2 each of a plurality of electronics and appliances distributors and electronics and  
3 appliances suppliers.

1 15. The computer program product of claim 14, wherein the data is made accessible  
2 to the electronics and appliances outlets, the electronics and appliances  
3 distributor, the electronics and appliances supplier via a network-based interface.

1     16.     The computer program product of claim 15, wherein the data is accessible to the  
2             electronics and appliances distributor and the electronics and appliances supplier  
3             only after verification of an identity thereof.

1     17.     The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the network includes the  
2             Internet.

1     18.     The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the electronics and  
2             appliances outlets, the electronics and appliances distributor, and the electronics  
3             and appliances supplier each forecast utilizing the data.